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**Andreas Stiegler et al.**

Serial No.: **09/803,119**

Filing Date: **March 9, 2001**

Title: **Method of Data Transmission in a  
Communication Network with a Ring  
Configuration**

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the cited art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application. An English abstract for the German patent disclosure is also submitted.

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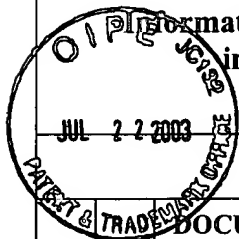
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